

Transportation Reauthorization High Priority Project Requests

Projects Submitted by Congressman Donnelly for Consideration

to be designated as High Priority Projects

(Projects are in alphabetical order by county)

Carroll County

CR 75 W & CR 50 W Corridor, Carroll County

On behalf of the Carroll County Commissioners, I have requested \$7,421,840 for the preliminary engineering and design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of phase I of a project to extend and improve CR 75W and CR50W from SR 75 in the Town of Camden to the Hoosier Highway connector. The extension will provide a direct connection between SR 75 and the Hoosier Heartland Corridor, which will improve mobility for truck traffic and support future economic development in Carroll County.

Cass County

18th Street Corridor Project, Logansport

On behalf of the City of Logansport and the Cass County Commissioners, I have requested \$13,360,000 for improvements to 18th Street. The project will connect the Hoosier Heartland to the significant development occurring on the east end of Logansport. As part of the improvement, the corridor will provide a grade crossing over or under the Norfolk Southern rail line. The project will significantly reduce congestion resulting from train and truck traffic and will support economic development efforts in Logansport.

Chase Road Improvement Project, Logansport

On behalf of the City of Logansport and the Cass County Commissioners, I have requested \$2,025,000 for the reconstruction of Chase Road from the existing 20 foot wide, 2-lane roadway to a 3-lane curbed street section with enclosed drainage. The project will reduce congestion on one of the most traveled roads in Cass County, as well as improve safety and enhance pedestrian access to the River Bluff Trail.

Elkhart County

Prairie Street Rail-Highway Overpass, Elkhart

On behalf of the City of Elkhart, I have requested \$18,000,000 for the design and construction of an overpass at the Prairie Avenue grade crossing. The project will widen Prairie Street to a four-lane roadway from Main Street to Division Street and will include associated intersection and infrastructure improvements. The overpass will significantly improve mobility by reducing the impact of train traffic on local economic activity. In addition, the project will provide unobstructed emergency vehicle response routes and will reduce air pollution caused by emissions from vehicles idling at crossings.

Howard County

Boulevard Street/US 31 Project, Kokomo

On behalf of the City of Kokomo, I have requested \$3,336,000 for the design and right-of-way acquisition to reconstruct Boulevard Street from Goyer Road to the proposed US 31 interchange. The project would rehabilitate the existing pavement and install added travel lanes. The improvements to Boulevard Street along with the proposed interchange will strengthen Kokomo's connection to the US 31 Corridor and will contribute to future economic growth and sustainability.

LaPorte County

Boyd Blvd. Reconstruction Project, LaPorte

On behalf of the City of LaPorte, I have requested \$12,000,000 for the preliminary design and engineering, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, and reconstruction of Boyd Blvd. between SR 2 and SR 35 on the easterly side of the City of LaPorte. The project will enhance access to the industrial and commercial facilities, while improving both truck and pedestrian safety by diverting truck traffic from a primarily residential neighborhood.

Marshall County

7th Road in Marshall County, Indiana from the US31 Interchange

On behalf of the Marshall County Commissioners, I have requested \$2,740,000 for the preliminary engineering and design, right-of-way acquisition, and project construction for a new and re-aligned road. The project will extend from the interchange at the new US 31 and the new 7th Road to Michigan Road in Marshall County. The project will provide for a new improved east/west corridor which will accommodate truck traffic, enhance commercial and residential mobility, and improve safety for passengers traveling between the new US 31 interchange and the City of Plymouth.

St. Joseph County

Ash Road and Edison Road Intersection Improvement, St. Joseph County

On behalf of the St. Joseph County Commissioners, I have requested \$1,400,000 to complete the preliminary engineering and design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of intersection improvements at Ash Road and Edison Road. The project is designed to address increased congestion, reconstruct and widen the intersection, and provide new traffic signals to improve safety. In addition, the road improvements are expected to attract companies looking to re-locate to Northern Indiana.

Cleveland Road Improvements, St. Joseph County

On behalf of the St. Joseph County Commissioners, I have requested \$2,500,000 for the preliminary engineering and design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction to widen and improve Cleveland Road and Ash Road. The project is designed to address increasing congestion, widen the intersection, and improve safety.

Interchange Project on US 31 and Adams Road, South Bend

On behalf of the City of South Bend, I have requested \$2,500,000 to complete the planning, design, engineering, environmental documentation, and right-of-way acquisition for an interchange at Adams Road and US Highway 31. The project is the key infrastructure piece of an economic development project which has the potential to spur significant job creation and private economic investment.

South Bend Airport Track Realignment, South Bend

On behalf of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, I have requested \$12,000,000 for the final engineering and construction of a new track alignment into the South Bend Regional Airport. The project would change the railroad's approach from the east to the west side of the terminal, eliminating roughly 16 out of 23 crossings and 3 severe curves. The project will improve train speed and will reduce the overall travel time from South Bend to Chicago by an estimated ten minutes.

TRANSPO Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility, South Bend

On behalf of TRANSPO, I have requested \$3,000,000 for the construction of a new bus operations and maintenance facility that will accommodate its growing bus fleet, allow for the maintenance of new hybrid buses, and provide much-needed space for administration and operations offices.

Multi-County Requests

Catenary Modernization Project, NICTD

On behalf of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, I have requested \$19,800,000 to design and construct the final segment of the new overhead power distribution system between South Bend and Michigan City. The new catenary system will improve the reliability of the rail service between South Bend and Chicago.

US 31 Corridor Project

On behalf of the US 31 Coalition, I have requested \$48,430,000 for the planning, design, environmental review, and right-of-way acquisition to complete road improvements on US 31. The project is designed to upgrade the 27 mile segment from US 30 to the Fulton/Miami County line to a freeway quality corridor. The improved highway will improve access to the two of the largest economic markets in the State—Indianapolis and South Bend.